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SUBJ: DUTCH WHITE PAPER ON ENERGY

1. GOVERNMENT MADE PUBLIC WHITE PAPER ON ENERGY IN CONJUNCTION

WITH PRESS CONFERENCE BY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS

AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 25. MAJOR POINTS OF PAPER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A) GOVERNMENT WILL BUILD THREE LARGE NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY STATIONS

BY 1985 (SEE SEPTTEL).

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B) CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO MEASURES TO SAVE ENERGY

AND OTHERWISE ECONOMIZE ON FUEL.

C) GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CLOSE LAST COAL MINE IN THE NETHS.

D) COAL IMPORTS WILL BE PROMOTED.

E) NATURAL GAS EXPORTS WILL BE RESTRICTED AND BOTH DOMESTIC  
AND EXPORT PRICES OF GAS FIXED.

F) GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ALL DECISIONS ON ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION.

2. SLOWDOWN IN GROWTH OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION IS URGENT ACCORDING  
TO LUBBERS. WITHOUT RESTRUCTURED POLICY ENERGY CONSUMPTION  
WILL RISE 5.5 PERCENT PER YEAR. LUBBERS WANTS TO SLOW THIS  
GROWTH TO 4.5 PERCENT IN 1980 AND 2.2 PERCENT IN 1985. TO  
ACCOMPLISH THIS REDUCTION HE PROPOSES:

A) INTRODUCTION OF AN ECONOMIC INSPECTION ON ELECTRICAL APPARATUS.

B) STIMULATION OF THE USE OF DIESEL FUEL IN AUTOS.

C) HEATING INSULATION ON BOTH NEW AND EXISTING HOMES.

D) LOW TEMPERATURES IN HOUSES, OFFICES AND FACTORIES.

E) DISCONTINUATION OF CONSUMPTION PROMOTING FEATURES OF  
ELEMINATION GAS AND ELECTRICITY TARIFFS.

3. GOVERNMENT WILL SET UP THE DUTCH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR  
ENERGY TO DO RESEARCH WORK INTO FUTURE ENERGY SOURCES, FOR WHICH  
TRADE AND INDUSTRY SHOW TOO LITTLE INTEREST. THERE WILL  
ALSO BE A GENERAL ENERGY COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON  
POLICY MATTERS. CENTRAL PLANNING BUREAU (CPB) WILL MAKE LONG-  
TERM ENERGY PLANS.

4. LUBBERS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF OIL  
AND NATURAL GAS BOTH IN NORTH SEA AND ON MAINLAND WILL BE  
INCREASED, DRILLING IN AREAS OF NATURAL BEAUTY REMAINS  
UNACCEPTABLE. HE SAID STATE WILL GET A HIGHER SHARE OF PROFITS  
FROM OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AT SEA.  
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